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SUBJE: TEXT OF VIGNES LETTER TO SECRETARY KISSINGER

S/S PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY'S PLANE

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF BUENOS AIRES 0976 WHICH IS BEING REPEATED
TO YOU IN THE EVENT IT DID NOT REACH YOU PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES TO SECRE-
TARY KISSINGER DATED FEBRUARY 7:

DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER INDICATING THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE
TO VISIT ARGENTINA IN FEBRUARY AS PLANNED. THIS WAS AN EVENTUALITY
WHICH I HAD ALREADY UNDERSTOOD TO BE POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE DELICATE
SITUATION NOW EXISTING IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I AM GLADDENED, HOWEVER,
BY YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT THAT YOU WILL CARRYOUT THE VISIT THE END OF
MARCH OR THE FIRST OF APRIL, THUS CONFIRMING YOUR DECISION TO TRAVEL
TO ARGENTINA AND RATIFYING THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH INSPIRES
RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

2. I NEED NOT TELL YOU OF THE INTEREST WITH WHICH WE AWAIT YOUR
VISIT OR OF THE PLEASURE IT WILL BE TO HAVE YOU AND YOUR CHARMING WIFE
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HERE WITH US IN BUENOS AIRES.

3. THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE MARCH CONFERENCE, PRODUCED BY A CONJUNCTION

OF FACTORS OF WHICH YOU ARE AWARE, DOES NOT SIGNIFY FOR ME THE
INTERRUPTION OF
THE NEW DIALOGUE WHICH YOU SO FRANKLY AND OPENLY PROPOSED IN YOUR
NEW YORK SPEECH. I SEE IT MORE AS A DIVERGENCE WITHIN THE FAMILY
WHICH WILL BE OVERCOME WHEN THE NORTHAMERICAN GOVERNMENT CAN PRODUCE
ADJUSTMENTS AND CLARIFICATIONS TO THE ASPECTS WHICH NOW ARE LITTLE
COMPREHENSIBLE TO LATIN AMERICA. FROM THAT MOMENT
FORWARD THE RESERVATIONS
WILL BE STEADILY DILUTED AND IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO FACE TOGETHER THE
SOLUTION OF THE CONTINENT'S PROBLEMS.

4. I UNDERSTAND YOUR VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES, AS YOU HAVE INDICATED
PERSONALLY TO ME, TO BE AN IRREVERSIBLE DECISION AND IT WILL BE
A MAGNIFICENT OPPORTUNITY TO ANALYZE TOGETHER BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL

MATTERS OF TRANSCENDENTAL IMPORTANCE TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

5. I BELIEVE THAT THE MONTH OF MARCH WOULD BE THE MOST CONVENIENT
FOR YOUR TRIP AND WILL PERMIT A BETTER PREPARATION FOR THE OAS MEETING

IN LIGHT OF THE POINTS OF VIEWS WE EXCHANGE.

6. TOGETHER WITH MY WIFE I SEND YOU AND YOUR WIFE MOST CORDIAL
GREETINGS.
YOUR MOST AFFECTIONATE FRIEND, ALBERTO VIGNES
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